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BRINGING HOLIDAY CHEER



A 389TH FIGHTER SQUADRON THUNDERBOLT IS MARSHALLED OUT BEFORE BEGINNING HIS TRAINING EXERCISE. THE THUNDERBOLTS BEGAN TRAINING IN MID-NOVEMBER FOR THEIR TWO-WEEK DEPLOYMENT OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

Gunfighters deploy over holidays in support of ONE

BY 2ND LT. ERIN TINDELL
GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

While most Airmen were home and surrounded by loved ones during the holidays, some Gunfighters deployed to ensure the president, the vice president and their families could do the same.

Nearly 90 Airmen from the 389th Fighter Squadron "Thunderbolts" and 389th Aircraft Maintenance Unit and about 60 Airmen from the 726th Air Control Squadron "Hardrock" deployed just before Christmas in support of Operation Noble Eagle (ONE) while our nation's leaders vacationed in Texas and Wyoming for Christmas and New Years.

Initiated on Sept. 11, 2001, ONE is the military's efforts in the Global War on Terror carried out within the country. ONE includes air patrols over and around cities and security missions on military installations, airports and other targets such as bridges.

"Our F-16s from the 389th Fighter Squadron provided coverage over Texas for about two weeks," said Maj. Red Walker, 389th FS.

The T-Bolts received word they would deploy on this special mission in mid-November and had been training for alert missions since.

"We've practiced aircraft alert launches and walkthroughs in the hangar," said Senior Master Sgt. Alvin Flores, 389th AMU superintendent.

"We never know when we're going to be tasked while we're deployed. It could be 2 a.m. or 2 p.m.," said Sergeant Flores. So the 389th



A 389TH FIGHTER SQUADRON TAXIS OUT ON THE RUNWAY DURING NIGHT TRAINING FOR THE THUNDERBOLTS ONE MISSION.

FS and AMU conducted alert training both during the day and at night.

Airmen said the training was flawless and that they were well trained to deploy for a special cause.

While temporarily stationed outside of Jackson, Wyoming, members of the 726th ACS provided radar coverage in the region to support the vice-president's holiday trip.

"This is the third time we've supported ONE in about a year and a half," said Lt. Col Alvin Vann, 726th ACS director of operations. "The incredible hospitality and appreciation from the Jackson community definitely makes it an enjoyable deployment during the holidays."

On the evening of Dec. 28, Airmen from 726th ACS, along with other military and civil service employees were treated to a dinner hosted by an anonymous donor and actor Harrison Ford.

"It's nice to get out there and deploy," said Senior Airman Eric Purkett, 389th FS avionics specialist. "I'm single, so I volunteered to go to save others with families from having to go."

Although the Airmen were away from their families during the holiday deployment, Major Walker said that everyone who went to Texas volunteered for the deployment.

"The general consensus was, 'Would we rather go, or stay home?' Sure we'd rather stay home, but if anybody was going, we wanted to go," the major said.

To celebrate the holidays away from home and loved ones, Airmen took advantage of the facilities where they stayed that were fully stocked with kitchens and living areas.

"We weren't hurting for food," said Major Walker. "Although, we initially thought we might end up in a Chinese restaurant like in the movie 'A Christmas Story.'"

Thunderbirds need volunteers

BY STAFF SGT. JOSH
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THUNDERBIRDS
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron is looking for professionals to join an elite team known world-wide for precision flying and community involvement.

Volunteers are needed in eight career fields.

"The Thunderbirds have more than 34 career fields represented in the squadron," said Chief Master Sgt. Ted Field, chief enlisted manager of the Thunderbirds. "We have a job for just about everyone out there."

The Air Force Specialty Codes needed are 2A3X2 Avionics, 2A3X3B Crew Chief, 2A6X3 Egress, 2A6X4 Fuels, 2A6X6 Electro/Environmental, 2A7X3 Structures, 3N0X1 Public Affairs, 3V0X1 Graphic Artist and 8F000 First Sergeant.

For information on the application process, visit www.airforce.com/thunderbirds.

"Even if (a) career field is not listed, we are accepting applications," Chief Field said. "Anyone can submit an application for a job in one of the (34) career fields we have. We'll keep the application on file for six months, and if a job comes open we will look at the applications we have and we'll try to fill them with those."

One of the common misconceptions about the Thunderbirds is the team is gone all the time.

"We do travel across the United States and in some cases across the world," Chief Field said. "But we're not gone all the time. We have a good amount of time at home, but we do travel."

During the season, a typical week begins on Thursday when the team travels to its show site. Pilots fly their

aircraft and support personnel typically travel in a C-17. As soon as the jets touch down, technicians recover their aircraft and perform post-flight tasks. Meanwhile, public affairs prepares for enlistment and re-enlistment ceremonies, media interviews and orientation flights.

Communications specialists videotape the arrival and landing. The advance pilot, having arrived the day before, briefs the team on subjects including transportation and the weather.

Friday is usually a practice day, giving the Thunderbird pilots an opportunity to become familiar with the terrain and local landmarks. Crew chiefs and their assistants attend to pre-flight tasks.

After the practice flight, the team meets with members of the community whose special needs might prevent them from attending a crowded show. On Saturday and Sunday, the team flies its full show and meets with the crowd to sign autographs for 20 minutes.

On Monday, the team heads back to Nellis AFB, Nev., then goes back to work Tuesday.

"It seems really busy, and to some extent it is, but the people you get to meet with on the road make it all worthwhile," Chief Field said.

"The bottom line is an assignment to the Thunderbirds is the chance of a lifetime," the chief said.



Standard federal ID set to replace CAC

BY ARMY SGT. SARA WOOD
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS
SERVICE

WASHINGTON - A new, standardized identification card is being developed for all federal employees.

The new card will replace the common access cards that military personnel, government civilians and contractors now hold, said Mary Dixon, deputy director of the Defense Manpower Data Center.

The new cards will look much the same as CACs, with a few changes, Mrs. Dixon said. The color scheme will be different and more information will be embedded in the card, she said.

The added information will be a biometric of two fingerprints, to be used for identification purposes, and a string of numbers that will allow physical access to buildings, Mrs. Dixon said.

The biggest change will be the addition of wireless technology, which will allow the cards to be read by a machine from a short distance away, Mrs. Dixon said. This will make the new cards much easier to use for access to buildings than CACs, which must be swiped through a reader, she said.

The new cards themselves will not be enough to grant access to all federal buildings, Mrs. Dixon said. Rather, they will be checked against each building's database to determine if an individual has access.

A prototype of the new card is being developed and will be finalized in the next couple of months, Mrs. Dixon said. The cards will be issued starting in October 2006 to all military personnel, government civilians and qualified contractors. In the Defense Department, all employees should have the new cards within three and a half years, she said. A timeline has not been set for the rest of the federal government.

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AF BAH rate changes

Beginning in January, the Air Force and the other military services will eliminate geographic rate protection for the basic allowance for housing. Over the last five years, geographic rate protection meant BAH rates around military communities could never drop, even when estimates for median housing costs in an area suggested they should.

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726th Air Control Squadron troops meet Vice President

For more than three weeks the 726th Air Control Squadron deployed to a location hundreds of miles away. The journey took them through the mountains and into a national park.

The team of more than 60 "Hardrock" members set up a base of operations complete with telephone service and tents at the site.

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WEEKEND WEATHER:

Friday: Mostly Cloudy
High: 44 • Low 33



Saturday: AM Cloudy
High: 42 • Low 29



Sunday: Snow Showers
High: 36 • Low 20



Gunfighter 1 reflects on New Year

BY COL. CHARLES SHUGG
366TH FIGHTER WING COMMANDER

Gunfighters — Welcome to 2006! We're coming off of a tremendously successful year, and while our accomplishments are too numerous to mention them all, there are a few I'd like to highlight.

First and foremost, during 2005, we deployed many and we deployed often. More than 800 Gunfighters deployed as part of AEF 5/6 throughout spring and summer to Iraq, Afghanistan, Guam, Korea and beyond.

Gunfighters were spread across the world engaged in the Global War on Terror, from providing base security and infrastructure support to logistics and personnel support.

I want each one of our warriors to know how proud and thankful I am to you and your families for your sacrifice and courage. While we don't know when the war in Iraq may end, we do know that because of you, our world and our nation will be a better and safer place for future generations.

Our Airmen led the way to a successful year of flying, wrapping up 2005 with nearly 16,000 flying hours and more than 11,000 sorties.

While the 391st Fighter Squadron and Aircraft Maintenance Unit were busy training in the Pacific and hosting Tiger squadrons from around the world, the 389th Fighter Squadron partnered with foreign air forces for international training exercises in Southwest Asia and the 390th Fighter Squadron flew the skies of Alaska in October for Cope Thunder.

Before deploying to Iraq, the 726th Air Control Squadron watched the skies over the Western U.S. for our Vice-President.

Awards are another testament of our perseverance on the home front.

While many 2005 awards are yet to be judged, we do know that in addition to earning three Air Force Services awards at Air Combat Command, the 366th Services Squadron was a 2005 Eubanks Award finalist, our wing historians recently recieved the Air Force History Program Award; the 366th Maintenance Operations Squadron recieved the ACC Maintenance

Effectiveness Award; the 366th Communications Squadron took home no less than five Leo Marguez Awards, our Mission Support Squadron recieved six ACC awards and ACC named seven of our medical personnel the best in their respective fields.

Of course, this is just a sample of the many things we accomplished in 2005.

As we move into the New Year, we can certainly expect 2006 to be every bit as busy and eventful as 2005.

We will again deploy many of our Airmen across the globe as part of AEF 9/10.

They will continue the Gunfighter legacy of providing superior combat

support to our combatant commanders and we will carry-on their legacy here while they are gone.

Much of this year's focus will be on our upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI). For many this will be their first UCI.

The purpose of the UCI is to ensure that our operations are in compliance with public law, executive orders, DoD directives, and Air Force and ACC instructions.

The Wing Plans and Programs office will be leading the way for our UCI in August. With diligent preparation, I'm confident you will turn in another "Best Seen to Date" rating.

Susie and I wish you and your families a wonderful and productive year. You set the standard as Gunfighters – Ride hard, shoot straight and always speak the truth.

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Col. Charles Shugg
366th Fighter Wing commander

A mind is a terrible thing to waste

BY CAPT. KRIS ZHEA
305TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

Each year thousands of people make New Year's resolutions to improve their life in some way. Usually the resolutions end up being forgotten about, laughed at or buried under numerous excuses as to why they weren't attained.

Well this year when you are sitting around the TV watching the big ball drop in Times Square and celebrating the ringing in of the New Year; make a resolution to get smart.

Get smart, you say? Yes!

Get smart! It is painless and requires no money, no long lines and no holiday return hassles.

In fact getting smarter will actually pay you!

What I mean is, make a resolution to take advantage of the education benefits afforded to you in the military.

Currently, the military Tuition Assistance Program is paying tuition costs and mandatory fees for up to a maximum of \$250 per semester hour, or \$750 per three-hour course.

The current program includes a \$4,500-per-year tuition assistance ceiling. This program is commonly referred to as 100 percent T.A.

Personally, over the past 14 months I have used this program to pay for more



than \$16,500 worth of graduate level instruction.

That's a nice down payment on a new car! Or, put another way, that's 1,375 new CDs at \$12 a piece! In that time all I have paid for was books.

Have you ever heard the expression "the value of a book is measured in degrees?" Here's where this new resolution, getting smarter, will pay you back.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau report, "Mean Earnings of Workers 18 Years and Over, by Educational Attainment, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex: 1975 to 2003," the mean income in 2003 for a person with a high school diploma

was \$27,915.

Compare this to mean incomes of someone with some college or an associate's degree, \$31,498; someone with a bachelor's degree, \$51,206; or someone with an advanced degree, \$74,602.

The message is clear, the more educated you are the greater your earning power is.

This is true in the military too. Having your education will help you get promoted, get commissioned or get that dream assignment you always wanted.

There is an old recruiting slogan that states "nine out of ten employers are

looking for people with skills the military teaches."

The future job market looks bright for us in the military, but it won't be that bright without your Community College of the Air Force , associate's, bachelor's or master's degree to go along with all those skills you picked while serving in the military.

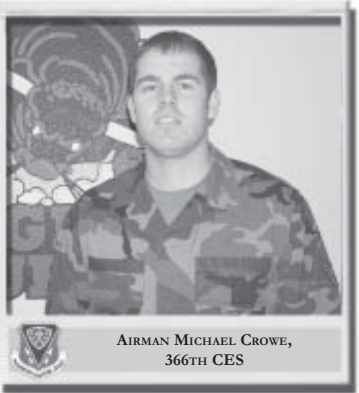
"A mind is a terrible thing to waste" and so are your military benefits.

Take advantage of this great program and make your New Years resolution to, "Get Smarter!" It will cost you practically nothing, only your time, and will pay you unforeseen dividends down the road.

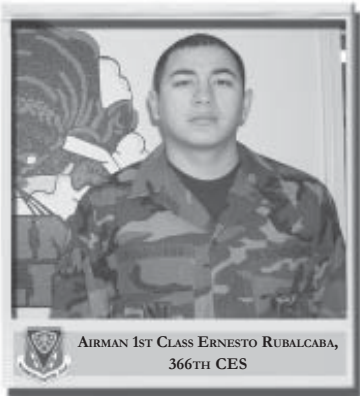
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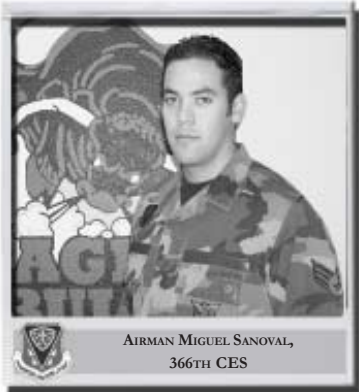
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366TH CES



AIRMAN KATHERINE REYES,
366TH MDG

COMMANDER'S HOTLINE



COL. CHARLES SHUGG

This Hotline is your direct line to me.

It's your opportunity to make Mountain Home Air Force Base a better place to live and work. I review every response to Hotline questions, but functional experts prepare most responses.

If possible, you should first contact the organization responsible for the problem or function. Your first sergeants, commanders and agency chiefs want to help, so please let them try.

If you do not know how to proceed or if you have already tried your chain of command, then do not hesitate to contact the Hotline at 828- 6262 or e-mail Commanders-Hotline@mountainhome.af.mil.

Not all Hotlines are published, but if you leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, I will make sure you get a reply.

COL. CHARLES SHUGG
366TH FIGHTER WING COMMANDER

2005 AWARDS

<i>As of this week</i>	
Air Force	9
ACC	37
12th Air Force	4

LAST DUI

366th Medical Operations Squadron

Days without a DUI:

3

AADD made 130 saves in December, 1,485 in 2005
(Courtesy AADD)

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DEPLOYED GUNFIGHTER IN ACTION



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. MARK GEFSEY

STAFF SGT. JEFFREY HAMILTON, A DEPLOYED GUNFIGHTER WITH THE 586TH EXPEDITIONARY SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON, DESCRIBES THE ENTRY CONTROL PROCEDURES AT CAMP BUCCA, IRAQ, TO CHIEF MASTER SGT. JOHN FORAN, CENTAF COMMAND CHIEF DEC. 19. THIS WAS THE COMMAND CHIEF'S FIRST VISIT TO THE CAMP. DURING HIS TRIP, HE MET WITH TROOPS AND DISCUSSED AIR FORCE ITEMS OF INTEREST INCLUDING THE PROPOSED NEW UNIFORM.

Air Force needs volunteers for extended deployments

As the Air Force accepts new roles in the global war on terrorism, the need grows for hundreds of Airmen to volunteer for one-year extended deployments to fill critical positions. Officer and enlisted Airmen in almost every major career field are needed for U.S. Central Command joint task force positions with report dates throughout calendar year 2006. Officers should contact their assignment teams for a list of extended deployment opportunities and to indicate their interest and availability. Enlisted members can view a list of opportunities and volunteer via the Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing Plus. The Air Force Personnel Center will consider backfills for personnel selected for extended deployments on a case-by-case basis. Airmen who volunteer may request a follow-on assignment or elect to

remain at their home station after the extended temporary duty assignment if manning permits.

Should the Air Force not receive enough volunteers, center officials will identify the most eligible non-volunteers. Selected Airmen may extend their current enlistment or re-enlist to obtain sufficient retainability to complete the temporary duty assignment.

Airmen without the required retainability or an active duty service commitment who decline the TDY must separate or retire under the current Air Force policy. For more details, and a list of frequently asked questions, log on to the personnel center Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afas/extendedTDYs/extendedtdy.htm or call DSN 665-4273. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)(AFPN)

Air Force makes changes to BAH policy

By STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ
AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

Beginning in January, the Air Force and the other military services will eliminate geographic rate protection for the basic allowance for housing.

Over the last five years, geographic rate protection meant BAH rates around military communities could never drop, even when estimates for median housing costs in an area suggested they should.

Under the current system, new arrivals at an installation would receive the protected BAH rate, even if housing rates in the area had dropped and adequate housing was available for them at a lower cost. In 2006, BAH rates will fluctuate yearly based on housing cost estimates made from data collected regionally by military housing offices.

The budget-conscious move by the Department of Defense is designed to save money at a time when resources are tight.

Under the new system, people who remain in an area will never see a lowering of their individual BAH rate.

That policy, called individual rate protection, is designed to ensure Airmen and other military members who have already established homes aren't faced with a cut in their BAH rate. Individual rate protection is designed to protect Airmen when the median housing rates in an area drop but landlords don't lower rents to match them.

Individual rate protection ensures Airmen will always receive ample funding to remain in the homes they have established, and at the same time provides DOD a common-sense way to fund that willow.

But the policy will create situations where two military members of the same rank and with the same dependent status may receive different BAH rates.

Individual rate protection allows in-place members to keep their BAH rate for a region while BAH rates in the area may fall. So a newcomer can get the same quality of housing at a lower cost.

"When you signed your lease, you were locked into a rate in a housing market that had a higher cost, on average," said Capt. Charles Parada, chief of the Air Force's basic allowance for housing program. "But a newcomer could face a lower-cost market."

Captain Parada says whatever BAH rate a member receives at a new duty station will be fair.

"The new BAH program will always allow you to afford adequate housing for your grade and dependency status in the current market," he said. Captain Parada also said that all members in a region are entitled to increases in the BAH rate as they occur.

Besides changes to rate protection, there are two additional changes to BAH coming for the Air Force and other services in the 2006.

The first is the elimination of the

BAH differential for members living off base. The second is a change to in-transit BAH rates for new Airmen.

"What members will be paid now is a BAH rate with dependents, versus the BAH differential," Captain Parada said. "In most cases, the new rate will be an increase for members, though in some areas it may be lower."

The BAH differential is a flat rate, based on grade, paid to members who are paying court-ordered child support.

In 2006, the differential will no longer exist for members residing off base. Instead, they will receive the BAH with-dependents rate, even if they have no dependents in their home.

Because the BAH with-dependents rate fluctuates region to region, some members in low-cost housing markets may receive less money than they had with the flat-rate BAH differential, though the situation occurs in few areas, Captain Parada said.

The BAH differential rate will also be eliminated outside the United States. But there, members receive an overseas housing allowance, or OHA, instead of the State-side BAH. Like in the United States, with the elimination of the BAH differential, members overseas residing off base will begin receiving the OHA with-dependent rate.

But unlike in the United States, overseas members do not always receive the full OHA. Instead, they receive only that amount they spend

on rent. For those members, it will be impossible to extract the extra benefit provided by an OHA with-dependent rate to use toward child support.

Captain Parada said the move was the best possible solution found by DOD to provide the best benefit to the most members.

"All four services had to come to an agreement on these issues, to find a solution most equitable for the most members," he said. "This was the best solution to benefit most members."

Under the new plan for BAH differential, members entitled to the differential will continue to receive it if they live in government quarters.

A final change to military BAH policy involves new military members who are traveling from their initial training location to their first duty station.

When new accessions to the Air Force travel from their initial training location to their first duty station, they are said to be "in transit."

Most new Airmen who are single receive the BAH II rate, commonly called "BAH in transit." Like the BAH differential, BAH II is a flat rate, tied only to a member's rank. Today, almost all new unaccompanied Airmen receive the BAH II rate as they travel to their first duty station.

That group of Airmen includes officer training school graduates (non-prior service) and basic trainees.

The exception has been Airmen

coming out of the Air Force Academy. Those new officers, upon graduation, received the full BAH rate based on housing costs in Colorado Springs, Colo., the location of the school.

In 2006, Air Force Academy graduates will begin receiving only the BAH II rate until they arrive at their new duty station.

That change was based on what other services were paying to their service academy graduates and on a general perception of equity among all military members, Captain Parada said.

"All accessions will now be treated equally across the Air Force and across all services," Captain Parada said. "DOD decided to unify the policy so everybody was doing the same thing. They decided they will pay the Academy folks the BAH II rate in line with other services and other accessions."

Captain Parada said that under the new policy, new members with dependents continue to be entitled to full BAH.

Members with questions on BAH payments should visit: h t t p s : / / secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem.

Members with questions on the process used to set BAH rates should contact their local housing office. An e-mail account has been set up to take questions:

BAH.hotline@pentagon.af.mil. (AFPN)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ACC Safety Awards

Congratulations to the 366th Fighter Wing for being awarded the 2005 Air Combat Command Flight and Explosives Safety Awards.

AFA Meeting

The Snake River Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association will hold its next meeting on Monday, 9 January at 6 p.m. in the American Legion Hall in Mountain Home.

Retirements

Tech. Sgt. Robert Sugden, 366th Operation Support Squadron, will retire today at 3:30 p.m. at the 366th Operations Group conference room. For more information, call 1st Lt. Trevor LaVoie at 828-2998.

Major Lisa Randall, 366th Medical Group, will retire Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. at the Gunfighters Club. For more information, call 1st Lt. Kimberly Cunningham at 371-3270.

FTAC Awards

Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Naronksuk Rawaekklang, 366th Medical Support Squadron, who received the First Term Airmen Center's "Sharp Troop" award for being the top performer of Class 06-C.

Congratulations to Airman Basic Evan L. Harman, 366th Contracting Squadron, for receiving the Class 06-C "Gunfighter Pride" award.

NEWSLINE

New vehicle decals

To renew vehicle stickers that expired in December, members must have the decal number, current registration and proof of insurance, driver's license and military identification card. Vehicles can be registered at the Visitor Center (Building 7001) at the Main Gate. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Monique Hester at 828-6098.

New hours at dry cleaner

The Base Laundry Dry Cleaner, located in the Base Exchange, is now open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed Sunday.

OSC Thrift Shop

The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop, located at Building 2607 is open Monday from 3 to 6 p.m. (consignments are taken from 3 to 5 p.m.), Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (consignments are taken from 9 a.m. to noon) and the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon (no consignments) volunteers are always needed and appreciated. All volunteers welcome. For more info, call 828-2534.

National Prayer Luncheon

The National Prayer Luncheon will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Gunfighters' Club. See the First Shirts to sign up.

Christmas tree collection

A contractor will collect the Christmas trees in base housing each Friday through Jan. 20. Housing residents should place their tree at the curb on those Fridays or can take their tree to the base recycle center at any time.

Information line available

The Gunfighter Information Line is now available to all base personnel to call anytime at 828-8900. The line contains a recorded message which includes up-to-date information on local area weather conditions that may affect driving or delayed reporting and early release procedures. For more information, call Master Sgt. William Smith or Maj. Brett Gallagher at 828-5800.

AETC Special Duty Briefing Team to visit

If you've ever wanted to have the opportunity to recruit sharp individuals into the Air Force as an Air Force Recruiter, or mold civilians into airmen as an Air Force Military Training Instructor (MTI), the AETC Special Duty Briefing Team can answer any questions you may have concerning these challenging and rewarding careers.

Recruiters receive up to \$450 per month in Special Duty Pay, a stabilized three-year controlled tour, an additional clothing allowance, and appropriate ribbon worth 2 WAPS points.

Military Training Instructors receive up to \$375 per month in Special Duty Pay, a stabilized four-year controlled tour, an additional clothing allowance, and an MTI ribbon.

The team will brief on all aspects of special duty opportunities Jan. 10, 8:30 a.m., at the Base Theater. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

Senior Airman through Master Sergeants with less than 17 years Total Active Federal Military Service (TAFMS) are invited to attend the briefing and are eligible to apply

for these special duty assignments.

In addition to eligible volunteers, it is highly encouraged that members vulnerable for "selection" (non-volunteer)—Staff Sgt. thru Technical Sgt., less than 17 years TAFMS/with extended Time on Station—attend.

Applications may be accepted on the spot and the team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if they bring it with them to the briefing.

For more information on recruiter opportunities visit the website at <http://www.afrecruiting.com>;

MTI duties see <http://www.lackland.af.mil/737web/main.cfm>; MTL special duty visit 2AF website <https://hq2af.keesler.af.mil/MTL>.

Don't miss this opportunity to step into some of the most challenging and rewarding jobs in the Air Force.

To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application contact the Career Assistance Advisor, Master Sgt. Barbara Hurt at 828-1956. (Courtesy of Master Sgt. Barbara Hurt)



Yo Quiero Taco Bell

THE BASE EXCHANGE FOOD COURT WAS HOME TO THE TACO BELL GRAND OPENING CEREMONY TUESDAY. THE RIBBON CUTTING WAS FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST ORDER TAKEN. MANY GUESTS WERE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE OPENING AND MANY STOOD IN LINE FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR TO GET THEIR ORDERS TAKEN DUE TO THE DEMAND. PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN SERGIO AGUIRRE.

Tiger Meet of the Americas pounces on Mountain Home

By 2nd Lt. Erin Tindell
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Tigers from the United States, Canada and Germany are making their lair on the flight line at Mountain Home Air Force Base today through Oct. 21. But they're not here for a circus act; they're here for the third annual Tiger Meet of the America's.

TMOTA is a biannual event that pits together tiger-themed flying squadrons in a week-long competition to promote multi-national solidarity among NATO allies. The meet is derived from the full-scale NATO

tiger meets that have been held every year in Europe since 1961.

The smaller TMOTA was created to accommodate the American and Canadian forces who are not always able to attend the European competitions due to budget constraints.

The 2005 TMOTA will feature more than 300 military members from nine units and 23 aircraft. They include: CF-18s from Cold Lake Canada, F-16s from Shaw AFB, S.C. and Buckley Air National Guard, Colo., a NATO AWACS, KC-135s from Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., a B-1 from Ellsworth AFB, S.D. and T-38s from Whiteman AFB, M.O.

Mountain Home is hosting this

year's meet because the 391st emerged victorious during the 2003 TMOTA held in Cold Lake Canada, said Maj. Troy "Bucket" Orwan; tiger meet coordinator from the 391st Fighter Squadron. "The winner always hosts the next meet, so we're proud to hold the 2005 meet in Idaho," said Major Orwan.

The 2005 events include three days of flying, social events, a maintenance competition and special tiger games, said Major Orwan. "We have a host of tiger games during the weekend from a softball tournament, to a golf tournament, to skeet and trap. The meet will also include a competition for the jet with the best tiger scheme painted on it," he said.

The flying portion of the meet starts Monday and will include range firing, air-to-air missions and refueling and low level navigation tactics. Winners of the tiger meets are chosen based on points earned for flying missions, participation in the tiger games, and camaraderie and teamwork, said Major Orwan.

"We test everyone on "tiger spirit" which is their level of morale, judged by the various squadron commanders coming in and including our wing commander, operations group commander and maintenance group commander," he said.

In today's increasingly expeditionary military the meet allows USAF members and allies to train

together and increase awareness of each other.

"The meet gives us an opportunity to conduct realistic training because when we deploy, we might get deployed with these guys at the meet, said 1st Lt. Gerald Davis, tiger meet maintenance coordinator with the 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"Hosting the tiger meet is a lot of work, but it will be fun," said Major Orwan. During social events our guys will get to relax and talk about air tactics and procedures and get to know each other better. When we have to go to war, it's much easier to fight with somebody we know than somebody we don't know that well."



PHOTO BY PETER GREENGRASS

THE 'BOLD TIGERS' F-15E FLAGSHIP WEARS SUBTLE TIGER MARKINGS FOR THE 2003 TIGER MEET OF THE AMERICAS. IT'S A MULTI-NATIONAL FLYING EXERCISE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE SOLIDARITY AMONG NATO ALLIES.

NEW UNIFORM, SAME MISSION



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER GISH

JUSTIN MAYS CHECKS AN IDENTIFICATION CARD AT THE FRONT GATE. MR. MAYS IS PART OF THE NEW CIVILIAN GUARDS WHO ARE NOW PART OF THE GUNFIGHTER FAMILY. DRESSED IN DARK BLUE UNIFORMS THEY ARE EASILY IDENTIFIABLE. THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY 366TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON.

Civilian guards become Gunfighters

By Senior Airman Chawntain Sloan
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Their uniforms are a deep Air Force blue. Their shiny silver badges reflect their skill level. And although their name tapes are different, they're working toward the same Air Force mission – to protect and serve. It's a job that the 24 civilian security guards who recently became a part of the Gunfighter family are more than qualified to do.

"They are trained to the same standards and have the same exact mission," said Jim Swartz, chief of guard for SecTek Inc. "Most of the guards are retired or prior military and bring more of a well-rounded knowledge that a new troop right out of tech school may not be able to."

Even though most of the guards are previous military, they were still required to go through an extensive training process.

Each guard completed 16 hours of Air Force security forces training followed by

one week of federal training before they geared up with their 9 mm, pepper spray and handcuffs, said Mr. Swartz.

In addition, the guards' on-the-job performance was evaluated for six to eight weeks, upon which they underwent a written, oral and practical exam.

"Learning the procedures was the biggest challenge, but we relied on the experience of the security forces personnel," said retired Master Sgt. Russ Fields, day shift flight chief for the civilian security sector. "The security forces personnel really went above and beyond to get us to the level we are at."

But, all the extensive training was for more than just a paycheck

"I love the military, what it has to offer and what it gave me," said Sergeant Fields, a 27-year veteran and former first sergeant for the 366th Security Forces Squadron. "[This job] was my chance to give back to the folks that gave to me and stay with the community that I know – the Gunfighters."

And giving back to Gunfighters is something that the security guards have succeeded in doing. Since the implementation of civilian security guards in January, security forces personnel have been able to scale back from 12 to eight-hour shifts.

"We've helped reduced the ops tempo, giving them due time off to spend with their families," said Mr. Swartz.

Mr. Swartz said that the transition from military to civilian gate guards is permanent to alleviate stress on the security forces career field due to deployments.

He also said that they are working toward privatizing other parts of the security forces sector including some staff positions.

But, just because they are civilians does not mean that they are viewed by their security forces counterparts as less of a part of the Gunfighter team. The integration has fostered an unbreakable comrade, said Sergeant Fields.

"One team, one fight is the way it was when they brought us in, and one team, one fight is the way we have continued to do it," he said.

And when cold weather threatens to dampen their spirits, there's one thing that keeps the fires burning and ensures that they will be around for the long haul.

"The people are where it's at," said Sergeant Fields. "We don't like driving in the snow but the people melt the snow and warm us up with their smiles."

Deployed Gunfighters return home

By Senior Airman Sergio Aguirre
Gunfighter Public Affairs

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More than 100 Gunfighters returned from a 135-day deployment to Kirkuk, Iraq, and Ali Air Base, near Tallil, Iraq, Sept. 23.

The team, made up of several squadrons including members from the communications, security forces and civil engineer squadrons arrived throughout the day and were greeted by their supervisors and families as they passed through the gates and back into the local area.

"It was great to be back in the land of the free," said Master Sgt. Clint Schetzle, 366th Communications Squadron. "Many people don't realize how much the little things matter. Little things like our basic freedoms are a big deal."

As the members greeted their families, they told the stories of their time spent in the deployed area.

"I told them how lucky they are to be able to go where they want to go, when they want to go

and to have an actual place to go to," said Sergeant Schetzle. "You don't realize how much you value your freedoms until you can't exercise them."

The area in Kirkuk, like most forward deployed locations, is one that maintains a high defensive posture for the safety of the troops stationed there.

This security allowed the Gunfighters to make many changes and improvements.

First Lieutenant George Hemingway, 366th Communications Squadron, noted that while security was high many members could accomplish their mission while keeping their "battle rattle" within five minutes of their location.

"We were only rocketed about 30 times over our entire deployment," said Lieutenant Hemingway. "Things were fairly relaxed, given the conditions and security measures."

The members of the CS were able to refurbish, replace or install many critical items vital to base functions.

"We hit the ground running and never stopped working," said Sergeant Schetzle. "We laid down miles of cable and fiber optic wire. We must have

spent \$50,000 to 70,000 on equipment that was badly needed."

"We made a huge impact there," said Lieutenant Hemingway. "We spent more than \$30,000 on multi-media equipment. We upgraded or replaced many items which were in pretty bad shape. We left our location much better than when we found it."

Both Airmen from CES said their unit was proud to serve and accomplish its missions but was also anxious to get home.

"I am happy to be home," said Lieutenant Hemingway. "We had a mission to do and I think everyone accomplished their mission. I know we are all more mature for the experience."

"I am glad I was able to be there," said Sergeant Schetzle. "I think by serving there, I was able to get a real sense of the 'big picture.' I think that it's important for our folks to have an understanding of our role in Iraq."

Now that they are home from this deployment the Airmen will spend time with their families, catching up and preparing to return to their duty sections.

726th ACS troops meet VP

By Senior Airman Sergio Aguirre
Gunfighter Public Affairs

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For more than three weeks the 726th Air Control Squadron deployed to a location hundreds of miles away. The journey took them through the mountains and into a national park.

The team of more than 60 "Hardrock" members set up a base of operations complete with telephone service and tents at the site. After returning Jan. 5, many of those who deployed recount their experiences and the challenges Mother Nature gave them.

"It was cold," said Master Sgt. Kenneth Loftus, NCOIC of systems operations, 726th ACS. "It was so cold our diesel fuel turned into gummy syrup instead of usable fuel."

The diesel fuel is used to run the generators which not only power the life support items such as tent heaters, but also mission critical power generators used by the squadron.

"We had to get creative and found a quick solution," said Airman 1st Class Donald Worthley, Aerospace Ground Equipment specialist. "We used an additive that kept the fuel from gumming up and kept them running. Even in the below zero weather."

One team member who remembers the temperatures well is Airman 1st Class Kevin Lancaster, part of the team's security detail.

"It wasn't just freezing, it was colder than that," he said. "Luckily we had heated vehicles that we could drive around to monitor the area. We used night vision goggles where we could, but even with all the equipment we still went walking around building."

The team had to endure severe weather and many associated problems related to the ice and snow conditions around the location and even on their equipment.

Gunfighters save civilian

By 2nd Lt. Erin Tindell
Gunfighter Public Affairs

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Two pilots here helped a small civilian aircraft that was experiencing engine trouble land safely at Boise International Airport March 24.

The pilots, Lt. Col. Evan Roelofs, 366th Operations Support Squadron commander, and Capt. Marco Parzych, 389th Fighter Squadron flight commander, were flying an operational readiness exercise mission at the time of the emergency.

Shortly after 1 p.m., a civilian pilot of a small twin-engine plane called Salt Lake Center air traffic control and reported an in-flight emergency. One of the plane's engines had malfunctioned and the pilot needed help finding a safe landing area, said Lt. Col. Robert Henderson, 266th Range Squadron director of operations.

Due to heavy cloud coverage, "visibility was poor and the pilot needed help finding a break in the clouds to descend through," said Colonel Roelofs.

Salt Lake Center called Radar Approach Control to request assistance from a Mountain Home fighter jet to guide the pilot to a break in the weather. RAPCON then solicited help from one of the jets taking off for an exercise mission, said Colonel Henderson.

Colonel Roelofs, flying an F-15C, ended up breaking formation from the exercise to go find the troubled pilot. With the aid of his range squadron mission crew, Colonel Roelofs was

One radar technician recalls the ice challenges conditions very well.

"We had to scrape and shovel snow out of our radar," said Staff Sgt. Rennie Onders, Ground Radar Maintenance craftsman. "At one point one of our inboard jacks, which maintains the correct level for our radar broke. It happened on one of the coldest nights during our deployment. We fixed the problem as best we could and tried to stay warm."

Although the team endured harsh environmental conditions on site they were treated to what they call 'a nice surprise'.

"The locals treated us very well," said Sergeant Loftus. "We got military discounts everywhere we went. People were stopping us and thanking us for serving. It was very nice."

The team was also treated by the appreciative local community to a gourmet dinner and drinks free of charge.

"That was a nice touch and totally unexpected," said Sergeant Loftus. "We rotated our troops so that everyone got to enjoy it. It was just awesome to see such support

Sergeant Onders says the positive comments and support from the local community made a big impact on unit morale in the harsh conditions.

"I think it was great because our morale was high and we worked as a more cohesive unit out there. We got to meet more people who we don't normally see on a regular basis back at the squadron and everybody was willing to help each other."

Despite the weather the team said their deployment was smooth and successful. Members of the 'Hardrock' say they are always ready to accept missions without any advanced notice.

"These taskings may fall out of the sky but we train hard and are always ready to get the job done wherever and whenever we are needed," said Sergeant Loftus.

quickly able to locate a path to intercept the civilian pilot.

When he found the aircraft, he raced circles around it in order to maintain the lowest speed possible, which was still much faster than the small plane.

"The maximum forward speed of the civilian aircraft was still below our minimum controllable airspeed, so I had to maintain awareness on where he was while searching for a place that he could descend safely through the weather," said Colonel Roelofs.

Colonel Roelofs was able to fly ahead and find a break in the weather for the plane to descend through. Minutes later, the small plane was able to locate the opening for descent and Colonel Roelofs was able to rejoin his exercise formation.

Despite this, the job of the Mountain Home fighter jets was not done. It had been coordinated that when the F-16 flight got airborne, one of them would split off from the flight to assist. Captain Parzych got airborne, broke from his exercise formation and rejoined the pilot for escort into Boise International Airport.

"The pilot informed me that he would like to follow my aircraft to the Boise airport and also let me know that he did not have many hours of experience," Captain Parzych said. "However, he seemed very calm throughout the approach."

Captain Parzych said once they were about 10 miles south of the airport, he "talked the other pilot's eyes" onto the runway area. The other pilot then identified the airport runway and landed safely.

SERVICES

Auto Skills Center

Contract mechanic and paint and body tech — Work is done on appointment only basis.

To make an appointment, call 828-2295.

Bowling Center

Family special — Bowl for \$1 a game Sunday. For more information, call 828-6329.

Community Center

Instructors needed — The community center is looking for experienced instructors for crafts, dance, music, cooking, interior decorating, self defense, sewing, quilting, cake decorating and stamping.

Photography classes — Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$30 for eight sessions.

Salsa classes — Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 for five sessions.

Spanish classes — Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for eight sessions.

Dog obedience class — Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$35 for four sessions. For more information, call 828-2246.

Youth Programs

For more information, call 828-2501.

Outdoor Adventure Program

For more information, call 828-6333.

Outdoor Recreation Supply

Ski Sale — Special pricing on used ski equipment. Skis are available for \$8 a pair and \$15 for boots.

Boat shrink wrapping — Now available for \$4 per foot.

Video Rentals — Video rentals available for sportsman’s needs. Weekend rentals are \$1, day rates are \$0.75, and additional days are \$0.50.

Sportsman camp trailer special — Camp trailers are reserved on the first working day of the month and may be reserved for the following month. Prices range from \$60 per weekend, \$45 over night, and \$15 for each additional day.

On-Consignment ski swap — Beginning Thursday, bring in your used skis and snowboards. Leave them on consignment and customers will call you.

For more information, call 828-2237.

Silver Sage Golf Course

Green Fees — \$5 winter green fee in effect until the beginning of the 2006 season.

Snack Bar — Closed for the winter.

For more information, call 828-6559.

Library

Multi-Media Center — Features color copier, scanner, and photo printing.

Story Time — Wednesdays at 1 p.m. for supervised children; ages 3 - 5.

Pony Espresso Café — Open Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Video Club — \$12 per year membership fee. Members can borrow up to three videos at a time for a one week rental.

For more information, call 828-2326.

Pizza Etc.

December special — One 16" three-topping pizza and two 24-oz. sodas for \$18.

Soup of the Day —

Monday - Chicken gumbo.

Tuesday - Chicken and dumplings.

Wednesday - Creamy potato with bacon.

Thursday - Cream of Broccoli.

Friday - Clam chowder.

Trap and skeet

Winter hours now in effect — Winter hours: Wednesdays through Fridays: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays: noon to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays, Tuesdays and Sundays.

For more information, call 828-6093.

Wagon Wheel Dining Facility

CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday Mass — 8 a.m.

CCD Sunday — 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. for three-year-olds to adults; located in the Religious Education Building.

Daily Mass — Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday School — 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for six months to adults; located in the Religious Education Building.

Traditional Service — Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Also provided at this time are a Children’s Church for 4-year-olds to second grade and Wee Joy for six months to five years.

Gospel Jubilee Service — Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

Protestant Extras — Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Building.

VIPER VISITS



AMN. VALERIE HART, 366TH MEDICAL SUPPORT SQUADRON, CHECKS VIPER IN FOR HIS DOCTOR’S APPOINTMENT AT THE NEW PATIENT CHECK-IN AREA. THE REMODELED CHECK-IN AREA IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BASE HOSPITAL, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERGOING RENOVATIONS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2005.

WELLNESS

Resumé workshop

Learn how to inventory your experiences, write accomplishment statements, select a format, edit and evaluate your work. Class will be held at the Family Support Center Jan. 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register, call 828-2458.

Siblings

Children learn to understand and deal with the unique relationship of being a sibling and what to expect when the baby arrives, for ages two and up. The class will be held Jan. 18 at Family Advocacy from 10 a.m. to noon. To register, call 828-7566 or 828-7520.

Bundles for babies

Becoming a parent is a life-changing event. Ease anxieties while gaining confidence while learning basic infant care, parenting skills, coping strategies for lifestyle changes and financial planning for the transition to parenthood. Upon completion of the class, receive a free “bundle” from the Air Force Aid Society. Class will be held at the Family Support Center Jan. 19 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. To register, call 828-2458.

Anger management

Unmanaged anger destroys relationships, families, and individual health. Learn to understand and control your responses to anger. Must attend four consecutive weeks to receive a certificate. The class is held every Wednesday at Family Advocacy from 3 to 4 p.m. to register, call 828-7520.

English as a second language

Learn English through the four language skills of reading, speaking, listening and writing in a friendly, informal setting to help foreign-born adults improve English skills. Class is held at the Family Support center every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. to register, call 828-2458.

Baby care basics

Take the first steps in parenting. Learn the essentials of basic care and safety for the newest family member, whether this is the first or second child. The class will be held Wednesday at Family Advocacy from 10 a.m. to noon. To register, call 828-7566.

EDUCATION NEWS

The University Of Oklahoma

Spring enrollments are now open. The first class is Administrative Law and is scheduled for Jan. 22 - 28. Visit the University of Oklahoma’s Web site at www.gouu.ou.edu for a complete list of programs and classes. The Master of Public Administration program is open to all military and civilians.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

The spring term will be from Monday to March 5. For more information, call 828-4190 or 832-2222 or stop by the office.

Online Tuition Assistance

All TA requests must be initiated through the Air Force Virtual Education Center via the Air Force Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil>.

Park University

Registration has begun for the Spring I term. Both on-site and internet classes start Monday. Visit the website at www.park.edu/MTHM for more information about the programs and classes. Call Gabie or Jacki at 832-4535 if you have any questions, or stop by the office to see us.

Boise State University

Classes for the Spring Block I semester began Monday. If you are a veteran using VA benefits, or a BSU student that was granted work study allowance, you may be eligible to work as a student assistant in the Mountain Home BSU office.

For more information, call Jamie at 828-6746, come to the office or visit www.boisestate.edu.

HOUSING NEWS

Furnace filters

It’s time to check the heating system filters. Residents of Gunfighter Manor, Dunes, Desert Vista, Eagle View, Woodland Groves, Presidential Acres or the 8000 area, need to remove and clean or replace the filters monthly. Filters are available at the Self-Help Store.

For more information, call Satellite Services at 832-4643.

Leave notification

If planning on leaving a housing unit unoccupied for an extended amount of time, 72 hours of longer, the housing Office needs to be notified.

It is mandatory to fill out a form which state who is responsible for the upkeep of the quarters during the absence. Pets may not be left in the quarters unattended. Pets must be left at a neighbor’s residence, boarded at a kennel or can remain in the house if there is a house sitter. For more information, call the Housing Office at 828-2781.

Warning lights in vacant units

Lanterns with red and yellow lights are being placed in vacant unit windows for the winter months. These lanterns are equipped with thermostats, which will turn the warning light on when the temperature in the house drops below 55 degrees.

If a red or yellow light is noticed in a vacant unit, notify Housing Maintenance immediately at 832-4643.

This will help prevent the possibility of the pipes freezing and damaging the unit. If someone recently moved into a unit that had a warning light it should be returned to housing maintenance. Thank you for your assistance.

Satellite dishes in housing

An approved Air Force Form 332, Base Civil Engineering Work Request, must be on file at the Housing Office prior to the installation of satellite dishes in base housing.

These forms and the guidelines can be obtained from the Housing Office between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Occupants are responsible for any costs incurred in this installation and any damage caused by installation and removal.

The cable coming into the house belongs to the local cable company and a cost may be incurred when connecting.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Jerry Seinfeld in Boise

It’s been seven years since the series finale of “Seinfeld,” but the show, thanks to mass syndication exposure and lavish DVD sets, remains part of our collective conscience.

The man who started it all, Jerry Seinfeld, has returned to his roots — stand-up comedy — and his current tour will include a stop at Boise State University tonight at 7 p.m. at the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts, 1910 University Dr. Puffy shirts are optional. Tickets are \$46.50, \$61.50, \$78.50; Morrison Center box office, Select-a-Seat (426-1110, www.idahotickets.com).

Paradise Paved

A festival of art, design and movies inspired by street cultures of the ‘70s and ‘80s.

Drawing inspiration from and celebrating skateboarding, graffiti, street fashion, surfing, video games and independent music and their effect on today’s fashion, music, literature, film and art, Paradise Paved will include the art exhibit in the gallery, lectures and classes (comic book classes on Fridays from Jan. 6 to Feb. 10).

The event will also include Outside the Loop, an Indie Film Series, from Jan. 12 to 15. Visit SVCA’s Web site for more information, pricing or a complete schedule of events. Through Jan. 18. Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 5th St. E., Ketchum (Central Idaho), 208-726-9491, www.sunvalleycenter.org.

Palace Chase briefing

All individuals interested in the Palace Chase program should attend the Palace Chase briefings held Jan. 25. For more information, call Master Sgt. Steve Ewert at 828-6053.

U.S. citizenship

After receiving a Naturalization Certificate for Citizenship, it is required to bring the original to the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service.

Online Hazmart training

The Hazmart Pharmacy web site is located at:

http://gunfighter.mountainhome.af.mil/ces/CE_webpages/Haz%20Waste/WEB%20PAGE.HTML

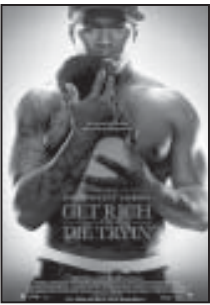
Click on the “EMIS How To” for a presentation that covers the training.

The site also contains information on how to use the Air Force Environmental Material Information System, a copy of our Customer Assistance Visit checklist and references related to the hazardous material program.

For more information call 828-2360.

THE BIG SCREEN

Today — *Get Rich or Die Tryin’* — 7 p.m. — starring 50 Cent and Joy Bryant.



An orphaned street kid makes his mark in the drug trade, but finally dares to leave the violence of his former life behind to pursue a promising career in the music business as a rapper. 2 hrs., 14 mins.

Saturday and Sunday — *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* — PG-13 — 7 p.m. — starring Daniel Radcliffe and Emma Watson. In his fourth year at Hogwarts, Harry faces his greatest challenges and dangers yet. When he is selected under mysterious circumstances as a contestant in the Triwizard Tourna-



ment, Harry must compete against the best young wizards from schools all over Europe. But as he prepares, signs begin to point to the return of Lord Voldemort. Before long, Harry is playing not just for the Cup, but for his life. 2 hrs., 30 mins.

Monday — *Walk the Line* — PG-13 — 7 p.m. — starring Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon. He picked cotton, sold door-to-door and served in the Air Force. He was a voice of rebellion that changed the face of rock and roll. An outlaw before today’s rebels were born — and an icon they would never forget. He did all this before turning 30. And his name was Johnny Cash. Walk the line explores the early years of the music legend, an artist who transcended musical boundaries to touch people around the globe. As his music changed the world, Cash’s own world was rocked by the woman who became the love of his life: June Carter. 2 hrs., 15 mins.



Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday — Theater Closed